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For: BACKING MIRROR

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant is in receipt of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed June 24, 2004 (enclosed herewith) for the above-identified patent application.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section of the Specification, please REPLACE the paragraph on page 4 at Line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 7A illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror prior to alignment of hitch and tongue in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

In the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section of the Specification, please REPLACE the paragraph on page 4 at Line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 7B-8A illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror when the hitch and tongue are aligned in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

In the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section of the Specification, please REPLACE the paragraph on page 5 at Line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 8-8B illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror employing a second mirror in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

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REMARKS

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, the Specification has been amended to correspond to the submitted drawings. In particular, the Specification has been amended in the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS section as shown below:

FIG. 7A illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror prior to alignment of hitch and tongue in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. ~~7B-8A~~ illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror when the hitch and tongue are aligned in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. ~~8-8B~~ illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror employing a second mirror in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

Support for the amendment is provided at least on page 12, Lines 6-19 of the Specification. Thus, the amendment raises no question of new matter.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the figures correspond to the "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS" and that all figures are present and consecutively numbered.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for examination.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22241-00001-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is Informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 7A,7B.

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